Committee to determine Liabilities

341. SHRl ANANTRAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND I-ERTILIZERS be pleased to stale:

Ca) whether it is a fact that a three member-committee has been constituted to determine the liabilities between 1981 to 1987;

(b) if so, what are the names and designations of the members of the Committee;

(c)who would determine the liabilities prior to 1981 and post 1987;

(d) whether it is a fact that liability is to he determined till the price was implemented, if not, what is the provision of policy or Price Control Order in this regard;

(e) whether it is a fact that lerms of reference of the Committee as given in the resolution are wrong and incomplete;

(f) what are Ihe complete terms of reference of the Committee;

(g) whether the team have worked out liability against any of the com panies so far, if so, the details of the same; and

(h) when was the Committee set up and where it is functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) to (h) A Three Member Committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice R. L. Gupta, a sitting Judge of the Delhi High Court vide the Resolution of the Government published in the official gazette on 21-3-1994 to review the entire matter of recoveries from drug companies into DPEA. The details asked for/with regard to names of the members, term and reference etc. are contained in the above Resolution, a copy of which is available in the Parliament House Library. The Committee has started functioning by holding its regular meetings.

Ceiling prices of Verapamil formulations

342. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer t o the answer to Unstarred Question 441 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eating prices of Verapamil formulations are based on landed cost of import of Rs. 8950.40 per kg;

(b) whether it is also a fact that current landed cost of import is only Rs. 6400 per kg. and formulators are overcharging the prices with the active support of the Ministry and BICP:

(c)who is responsible for such a state of affairs and what action is being taken to remedy the situation;

(d) why the price of formulations of Verapamil have not been reviewed so far: and

(e) what is the weighted average landed cost of import of Verapamil as per 1993-94 import statistics available with the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISIRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) to (e) Revision of formulation prices is an ongoing exercise undertaken in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987. The ceiling price of Verapamil formulations notified on. 24-12-1993 was based on the DGHS weighted average import price of Rs. 8950.40 per kg. However, presently a landed cost of Rs. 6354.24 per kg. is being adopted based on DGHS weight-ed average import price of Rs. 3765.47 per kg. for the period April—September, 1993.

Recommendations of PAC on monitorkig of duty benefits

343. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Wiil the Minister of- CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 1283